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## Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 6 Percent in August

HARRISBURG, PA, Sept 27, 2010 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during August 2010 totaled 106.8 million pounds, up 6 percent from August 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 99.7 million pounds live weight, was up 11 percent from August 2009. Total head slaughtered was 82,700, up 12 percent from last year. Live weight averaged 1,219 pounds per head, down 15 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.4 million pounds live weight, down 4 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 10,300 head was down 3 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 2 pounds per head to 425 pounds.

Pork production was 60.8 million pounds live weight, down 1 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 238,600, also down 1 percent from August 2009. Average live weight decreased 1 pound per head from last year to 255 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during August 2010 was 392,000 pounds live weight, down 4 percent from a year ago. The number slaughtered was 4,000, down 2 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 1 pound per head to 98 pounds.

**Nationally**, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in August 2010 totaled 4.13 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the 4.08 billion pounds produced in August 2009. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.29 billion pounds, was up 5 percent. Veal production totaled 11.2 million pounds, up 6 percent from August a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2009.

January-August 2010 red meat production was 31.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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